

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tsuyoshi KUBOTA et al.	Art Unit: 3682
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Title: SLIP TYPE CONNECTING ROD	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on September 29, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, including Claims 1-24 for prosecution in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims 25-30.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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